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Dear Esther and Joshua,

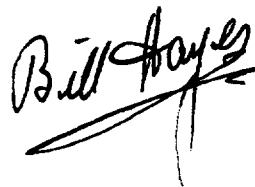
As you see, I have arrived safely after a most intriguing journey which I would'nt have missed for anything. It was rather dull as far as Denver, but thereafter we passed through Rocky Mountain National Park and Salt Lake City and visited Bryce, Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks, ending up with Hoover Dam and that extraordinary place Las Vegas where we had as wild and dissolute a night as our small son would allow. I have acquired a residence and am beginning to find my way around this place.

I want to thank you both very much for your hospitality to me during my short stay at Madison. I much appreciated your having me to stay at your home and feel that the opportunity of meeting you, as well as what I learnt from you, more than justified my visit. I was only sorry that the stimulus could'nt have been applied for longer.

Jim Watson arrived here today and I was sorry that he was'nt able to visit you en route. I hope to start immunising some rabbits next Monday and will let you know if I get any significant results. You offered me a copy of your useful M-TLB<sub>1</sub>- auxotroph and I would be glad if you could let me have this. On plating out the stock cultures which I brought with me I find that my 58-151/F- (the Spicer strain) has ~~not~~ been contaminated with Pyocyanus and is no longer viable. I think you have this and I would be very glad if you would sent it along as well. It would take quite some time to get it from London. Please let me have a copy of one or two of the photos you took too, please!

With best wishes and many thanks to you both,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Hayes", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke underneath.